## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An information processing method for a user of a printer for access to data to be printed by said printer in a network having a plurality of printers and a plurality of input devices enabling access to a printer of said plurality of printers comprising:

providing user information at a first location in said network using an input device at said first location in said network;

receiving a data card including printed indicia descriptive of user information of at least one of information about a sender of said data and information about a recipient for said data and data information of at least one of credentials for authorization of a print job, credentials for authentication of a print job, information for decryption of a print job, and information for identification of a print job, said printed indicia comprising access credentials for access to said data;

reading said printed indicia to use said user information and data information to verify said access credentials; [and ]

providing access to said data [by] to said recipient in response to said verification; and printing said data using any printer at any second location in said network different than said first location in said network.

- 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said data card is made of paper.
- 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a series of bar code symbols.
- 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a substance non-visible in the human visible light spectrum.
- 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a series of user customized symbols.



- 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said data information comprises identification of the data and the source of the data.
- 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said providing access to data in response to said verification comprises decrypting said data.
- 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein said user information comprises information regarding the identification of the sender and the identification of a recipient.
- 9. (Twice Amended) A system for processing information in a network having a plurality of processors and having a plurality of printers for a user of a printer for access to data to be printed by said printer comprising:

a processor <u>located at a first location in said network</u> capable of executing the following process:

reading indicia from a printed card descriptive of user information of at least one of information about a sender of said data and information about a recipient for said data and data information of at least one of credentials for authorization of a print job, credentials for authentication of a print job, information for decryption of a print job, and information for identification of a print job, said indicia comprising access credentials for access to said data;

verifying said access credentials based on said indicia; [and]

providing access to data in response to said verification of said access credentials for access to said data; and

printing of said data at any printer located at a second location in said network different than said first location of said processor.

- 10. The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia is printed on a data card made of paper.
- 11. The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a series of bar code symbols printed on a data card.

- 12. The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a substance non-visible in the human visible light spectrum.
- 13. The system of Claim 9, wherein said user information comprises information regarding the identification of a sender and a recipient.
- 14. The system of Claim 9, wherein said data information comprises identification of the data and the source of the data.
  - 15. The system of Claim 9, wherein said data comprises a print job.
- 16. The system of Claim 9, wherein said providing access to data in response to said verification comprises decrypting said data.
- 17. (Twice Amended) A system for processing information for a user of a printer for access to data to be printed by said printer comprising:

a computer <u>located at a first location</u> operably coupled to an external peripheral device to form a network <u>having a plurality of computers and having a plurality of printers connected</u> thereto, said network being operable to:

receive a data card including printed indicia descriptive of user information of at least one of information about a sender of said data and information about a recipient for said data and data information of at least one of credentials for authorization of a print job, credentials for authentication of a print job, information for decryption of a print job, and information for identification of a print job, said indicia comprising access credentials for access to said data;

read said indicia to access said user information and data information for verifying said access credentials; [and]

provide access to said data on the basis of said verifying said access credentials; and printing of said data at any printer located at a second location in said network different than said first location of said computer.

18. The system of Claim 17, wherein said peripheral device is a printer.



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19. The system of Claim 17, wherein said network is further operable to decrypt said data.

20. The system of Claim 17, wherein said data card is made of paper.